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ORIGIN OF CONTROL OF CHINA PLAN.

AN AFTER DINNER DISCUSSION.

The Tokyo *Nichi Nichi* recently received the following cable from Washington.—Both American and Chinese authorities are considerably embarrassed on account of misunderstanding created through the report of August 8th of an alleged proposal for the international control of China.

In this connection the American authorities emphatically disclaim the intimation that the idea of international control is a definite American policy and declare that America has on no occasion suggested any idea of political control over China, to whom such idea is by no means agreeable.

The idea of international control has no political significance, but partakes only of the nature of financial supervision to some extent. There is something in the conditions of the suggested international control plan, which is also found unfavourable to Japan's interests, but the plan has been suggested wholly from a friendly motive toward Japan, and in no wise through antagonism.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

As regards the circumstances attending the disclosure of the international control proposal, it has transpired that an intimate friend and colleague of Mr. Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, happened to be discussing the chaotic situation in China with a friend at a dinner in Washington one evening. The Cabinet member, dwelling on the population question in Japan, justified Japan's desire to secure an outlet for her surplus population and, after emphasising the necessity of formulating some proper proposal pertaining to the control of China, stated that America must recognize Japan's rational request and at the same time must show a definite and reasonable attitude toward China.

The utterance of the speaker, who spoke in an unusually loud tone, attracted the attention of those present, and a certain well-known American newspaperman, who was among the guests, took note of the utterance and published it, with permission of the speaker.

Such is the fact behind the story, and in this way the report was circulated something approximating a definite policy of America toward China.

NO DEFINITE PLAN.

It cannot, of course, be called a definite plan of the Washington Administration, but it is undeniable that the idea of international control over China is in the minds of influential officials of the Washington Administration.

At the same time, it is also clear that whatever may be the significance of the proposal, the underlying motive is good will toward Japan.

A high Japanese official in Washington, talking on the subject is credited with the following statement:—The proposal of international control over China, speaks, in itself, the coming turn in American sentiment toward Japan and China. China still occupies her propaganda with unabated energy and enthusiasm, but its echo is growing very feeble and insignificant, and the opinion and sentiments in American officialdom are fast growing in favour of Japan.

America may produce some proposals unfavourable to Japan's interests in the coming Washington conference, but Japan can request America to reconsider these eventualities. Anyhow, the present is an opportunity of grave importance to Japan and the Japanese must exercise the utmost circumspection not to indulge in uselessly strong anti-American utterances, lest such an attitude on the part of some Japanese should hurt the present growth of friendly public opinion in America.

HONOURED CHEQUES.

TEACHERS GET THEIR SALARIES AT LAST.

PEKING, September 3rd.

The eight Government Colleges in Peking have decided definitely that they will open school on September 8th, and that work will begin on that day, with the Spring Schedule. The examinations for entrance will be held on September 5th.

Pay for the month of July has been received by the Teachers, the cheques from the Ministry of Communications having been honoured at the Banks. Actually this amount of \$220,000 was for the month of August, since under the agreement between the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Communications the former were to pay the Teachers directly from the first of August on. The Teachers, however, having never received the money for July, consider this payment of salary as being for the month of July. —*China News Agency.*

THE ITALIAN CONSULATE AT HARBIN.

A BROTHERS' QUARREL.

HARBIN, September 8th.

Italian bluejackets have arrived to control Gibello to Tientsin. The attitude of the Italian Consul towards his own brother is causing astonishment in the Italian community, especially because the arrest of the latter was carried out by the Chinese authorities without probing the real reasons of the Consul's request.

The *Peking and Tientsin Times* says:—Two brothers, P. D. Gibello and D. D. Gibello, figure in this quarrel over the consular post. From reports in Japanese papers it is evident that P. D. Gibello, in taking over the duties of Consul, was acting under the impression that a mistake had been made in the appointment of his brother to the post, and when the latter arrived in Harbin, he refused to hand over the seals of office. Following this action, the Chinese police, at the behest of the newly arrived brother, arrested him. It is reported in Harbin that the case will be decided in the Tientsin Court.

ANNUAL NAVAL REGATTA AT WEIHAIWEI.

The annual Regatta—an event of rather serious events of absorbing interest to the crews of his Majesty's ships—took place this year on the 30th and 31st August.

Showers of rain rather spoilt the first day from a spectacular point of view, says a correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News*, but the second day was brilliantly fine. On the latter day the commander-in-chief, the captain and officers of the flag-ship were "at home" to the community, and a large number of residents and visitors availed themselves of the general invitation to view the concluding events in the Regatta. Presentation of cups and prizes to successful competitors was made by Miss Duff. The Commander-in-Chief's cup to the leading ship in the athletic sports, held on July 12th, went to H.M.S. *Alacrity*, and this ship again leads in the Regatta, carrying off six of the nine cups assigned to the more important races. The following is a list of the events and results:—

FIRST DAY.

Whaler, 2 miles:—*Alacrity*, 1; *Ambrose*, 2; *Hawkins*, 3.
Cutter, 2 miles:—*Hawkins*, 1; *Alacrity*, 2; *Colombo*, 3.
Gig, one mile:—*Hawkins*, 1; *Hawkins*, 2; *Whaler*, 3.
Whaler, 1 mile:—*Ambrose*, 1; *Alacrity*, 2; *Curlew*, 3.
Skiff, half mile:—*Curlew*, 1; *Hawkins*, 2; *Hawkins*, 3.
Cutter, 2 miles:—*Alacrity*, 1; *Hawkins*, 2; *Curlew*, 3.
Whaler, one mile:—*Curlew*, 1; *Alacrity*, 2; *Hawkins*, 3.
Berthon Boat, half mile:—*L-20*, 1; *L-1*, 2; *L-3*, 3.
Skiff, half mile:—*Alacrity*, 1; *Curlew*, 2; *Whaler*, 3.
Whaler, 1 mile:—*Hawkins*, 1; *Tientsin*, 2; *Curlew*, 3.
Gig, 2 miles:—*Hawkins*, 1; *Curlew*, 2; *Curlew*, 3.
Cutter, 2 miles:—*Alacrity*, 1; *Curlew*, 2; *Hawkins*, 3.
Whaler, 1 mile:—*Hawkins*, 1; *Alacrity*, 2; *Colombo*, 3.

SECOND DAY.

Whaler, 1 mile:—*Alacrity*, 1; *Colombo*, 2; *Hawkins*, 3.
Cutter, 2 miles:—*Alacrity*, 1; *Hawkins*, 2; *Curlew*, 3.
Skiff, half mile:—*Ambrose*, 1; *Colombo*, 2; *Curlew*, 3.
Whaler, 1 mile:—*Curlew*, 1; *Hawkins*, 2; *Alacrity*, 3.
Cutter, 1 mile:—*Hawkins*, 1; *Colombo*, 2; *Curlew*, 3.
Gig, one mile:—*Curlew*, 1; *Alacrity*, 2; *Hawkins*, 3.
Whaler, 2 miles:—*Alacrity*, 1; *Ambrose*, 2; *Hawkins*, 3.
Skiff, one mile:—*Alacrity* and *Colombo*, 1; *Curlew*, 2.
Cutter, 2 miles:—*Colombo*, 1; *Hawkins*, 2; *Curlew*, 3.
Whaler, one mile:—*Hawkins*, 1; *Curlew*, 2; *Curlew*, 3.
Skiff, half mile:—*Curlew*, 1; *Curlew*, 2; *Hawkins*, 3.
Berthon Boat, half mile:—*L-10*, 1; *L-20*, 2; *L-1*, 3.
All Corners, 2 miles:—*Alacrity*, 1; *Hawkins*, 2; *Curlew*, 3.
Saupan, half mile:—*Hawkins*.

ON THE BRINK OF BANKRUPTCY.

REPORTED FRENCH LOAN TO
CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

The Peking correspondent of the *Peking and Tientsin Times*, writing on the 4th inst. said:—

Persistent rumours are in circulation that the Chinese Government has negotiated a loan of 300,000,000 francs from the French Government and that the only reason the loan agreement has not been signed by this time is that the French Minister of Finance has opposed the loan. As fast as the rumours gain credence, they are denied by the Government but it is declared that the Government has a reason for denying the negotiations at this time. The rumours—I give them for what they may be worth—say the postal revenue is to be put up as security and that China has already agreed to instal French officials in the postal department to aid in supervising the service. Just what there may be in these reports it is hard to say but the outstanding fact is that the Government is perfectly willing and, moreover, anxious to borrow from any one who advances money.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE INTERESTED.

PEKING, September 7th.

Paris reports concerning the Banque Industrielle de Chine indicate that the rumoured French loan to China of three hundred million francs through Mr. Wu Ting-chang, former vice-minister of Finance and Chief of the Government mint in Tientsin, may become a fact shortly. The plan is to issue three hundred million francs in Chinese Treasury Bonds to be placed on the European money markets for sale by the Banque Industrielle de Chine on behalf of the Ministry of Finance and in return, the French bank will make a loan to Peking immediately, though the exact amount of this loan is still unsettled. The total liabilities of the Banque are about four hundred million francs. It is believed that with the assistance of the French and the Chinese Government, the bank may re-open its branches in China in the not very distant future. The Chinese creditors association has been dissolved because the Banque has requested its creditors and depositors to send in their various claims for final settlement. —*Asiatic News Agency.*

MORE COST OF LIVING FIGURES.

MINIMUM AVERAGE ITEMS IN A
SHANGHAI FAMILY BUDGET.

A correspondent contributes the following to the *British Chamber of Commerce Journal*:—

The figures showing the cost of living published in the last issue are supplemented this month by a Shanghai family budget which has been drawn up with care to illustrate in detail what life in Shanghai costs a man (of fifteen to twenty years standing in the port and holding a responsible position), with a wife and two children from seven to nine years of age. The figures given in the August *Journal* applied to younger people. The following figures show the problem from the salaried senior's point of view and take into consideration a larger number of items. They have been submitted to and checked by several people in the class indicated and represent minimum average figures.

Food:—	Item.	Average Monthly Expenditure.
Butcher's meat, game and poultry, vegetables, fruit		\$5.00
Bread, cakes, etc.		11.00
Milk, butter, cream		25.00
Other groceries		45.00
Wines		15.00
Mineral waters and ice		18.00
		\$107.00

Servants' Wages:—	Item.	Average Monthly Expenditure.
Cook		\$20.00
Boy		18.00
Coolie		11.00
Amah		19.00
Gardener		11.00
Tips to servants at China New Year		4.33
Chauffeur		25.00
		\$108.33

Rent and Taxes, etc.:—	Item.	Average Monthly Expenditure.
House rent at 115. 130		\$178.08
Taxes at 75		24.94
Insurance, fire		80
Insurance, burglar		1.50
Water		9.00
Electric light		14.00
Gas or fuel for baths		9.00
		\$237.52

Other household Requisites:—	Item.	Average Monthly Expenditure.
Coal, anthracite for stoves, 1 ton		\$5.75
Coal for cooking, 1 ton		18.50
Coal, household, Kailan, 11 tons		19.50
Firewood		1.00
Repairs and renewals of furniture, light and gas fittings		7.50
Telephone		5.00
		\$67.25

Medical Expenses:—	Item.	Average Monthly Expenditure.
Doctor		\$13.00
Dentist		10.00
Chemist		15.00
Hospital—confinements, illness		8.00
		\$46.00

Clothing, Hats, Boots:—	Item.	Average Monthly Expenditure.
For wife		\$50.00
For children		40.00
For man		30.00
		\$120.00

Clubs and Amusements:—	Item.	Average Monthly Expenditure.
Country Club, sub. \$12; chits, say \$12		\$24.00
Shanghai Club, sub. \$9; chits, say \$12		21.00
Theatres, concerts, cinema-mas		20.00
Newspaper		3.00
Stationery, periodicals, books		9.00
Postage		2.00
Presents (weddings, Christmas, etc.)		7.50
Summer holiday at \$800 per annum		50.00
		\$133.50

Sundries:—	Item.	Average Monthly Expenditure.
Life insurance		\$40.00
School fees and books for two		40.00
Dancing and music lessons		10.00
Toilet requisites, including barber for man and children		10.00
Charities		10.00
Washing and upkeep		14.00
Gasoline and upkeep of car		80.00
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes		15.00
Sports		20.00
		\$239.00

The total of these items is \$1,148.70 per month. A word or two in regard to them.

(1) *Chauffeur's Wages*.—Disallowing ownership of a car as a necessary item of expenditure in the circumstances indicated, there has to be substituted for a car, a car (for example, when dining out, a sum of say, \$80 a month, which means a month, which means a saving on the figures above of \$45 per month.

(2) *Telephone*.—It may be argued that this is an unnecessary item. If so, the point illustrates the difficulty of applying the term "necessary." A resident without a telephone would unquestionably be shut off from many of the amenities of life and would, moreover, have to add to his expenses for despatching "chits."

(3) *Hospital Expenses*.—An item of this kind obviously cannot be estimated with any accuracy. All one can say is that at 115. 10 per day, which is the cost of a bed in the first class at the General Hospital or the Nursing Home, no more than a week's illness is sufficient to run up a bill only a little under the figure allowed for above.

(4) *Amusements*.—Here, the difficulty of estimating is considerable. What is one man's meat is another's poison. Some residents dislike going out at night to entertainments liable to be second-rate. Others are more than ready to take the risk.

(5) *Clothing*.—The figures under this head, being man-made, may to some women seem quite incorrect.

(6) *Sports*.—Very many men spend a very great deal more. Again, the difficulty of applying the term "necessary" arises.

Leave and Saving.—No allowance is made in the above for (a) expenses recurrent every five years for passages home, (b) for savings—other than by way of premiums paid for life insurance.

School Fees.—It is assumed that the two children are from seven to nine years old. With, say, two boys of from thirteen to fifteen years old item would be very much heavier.

ANTI-OPIMUM ASSOCIATION. FACTOR IN SUPPRESSING NARCOTICS.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY GOING
ON LEAVE.

PEKING, September 7th.
At the meeting of the Board of the International Anti-Opium Association on Monday last the Rev. A. Sowerby, General Secretary, announced that he and Mrs. Sowerby would shortly be going to England, visiting South Africa, en route, but that he intended to return within a year. As his return had not definitely been decided upon he thought it best to submit his resignation. The Right Rev. Bishop Norris, Chairman, spoke feelingly of the splendid work done by Mr. Sowerby for the anti-opium cause. Mr. Sowerby had been the moving spirit of the Association since he became General Secretary. His tireless energy and enthusiasm had contributed very largely to the very successful work of the Association. The members were delighted to know that Mr. Sowerby was going on leave but his return was a matter of very great importance and they all hoped sincerely that he would return and continue his work in China.

The Rev. Father Mullins, and Messrs. Sheldon Ridge and Avarne also spoke in very high terms of Mr. Sowerby's work for the Association. Mr. Ridge said that the question of Mr. Sowerby's return rested with Mr. Sowerby's Mission and he thought the Board ought to make representations to that Mission, pointing out how important it was that Mr. Sowerby should come back.

Mr. Grover Clark then proposed that a formal resolution should be passed expressing the Association's high appreciation of Mr. Sowerby's work and voting the hope that the Mission would see its way to allow Mr. Sowerby to return to Peking. This was carried unanimously, and it was decided that Mr. Sowerby should be granted leave by the Association.

After long years of splendid work in China, with most of his children settled here, China is perhaps more home to Mr. Sowerby than his native land which he left in 1881. First being stationed in Shansi Mr. Sowerby remained in the model province for thirty years and was then transferred to Peking. In addition to his mission work, during the year 1912-1916 Mr. Sowerby was tutor to the sons of President Yuan. He attended the Edinburgh Conference in 1910, when he had three months' leave in England, which is the only furlough he has had since 1910. One of his sons was severely gassed during the war and is now in South Africa. It is to see this son that Mr. Sowerby is calling at South Africa on the way home. It is no exaggeration to say that the future success of the International Anti-Opium Association, which is now recognised as an important factor in the suppression of narcotics by the League of Nations and the Governments of the countries chiefly concerned in the production of opium and the traffic in drugs, depends greatly upon Mr. Sowerby's continued service with the Association, though it has been assured of his earnest co-operation at Home if the Mission finds it necessary to retain him there. —*Reuter.*

CHINA'S COAL OUTPUT.

China's coal output in 1929, according to a well-known mining expert, was as follows:—

Manchuria	1,025,000 tons.
Chihli	1,025,000 "
Shansi	1,025,000 "
Shensi	500,000 "
Kansu	500,000 "
Honan	1,000,000 "
Shantung	500,000 "
Szechwan	500,000 "
Yunnan	300,000 "
Kweichow	200,000 "
Chkiang	10,000 "
Kiangsi	200,000 "
Hunan	200,000 "
Kiangai	50,000 "
Kwangtung	10,000 "
Others	10,000 "
Total	11,680,000 tons.

—*Chinese Engineer and Contractor.*
(Chinese).

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THE RENTS ORDINANCE. FIRST APPEAL CASE HEARD. QUESTION OF SHOP OR DWELLING.

An appeal under the Rents Ordinance was heard, at the Supreme Court, yesterday, by the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. J. R. Wood).

The case was one in which the Tai Tung firm sought the ejection of the Fook Tung firm from premises owned by the former at No. 93, Connaught Road West. After he had refused to non-suit the plaintiffs the Puisne Judge held that the plaintiffs had shown that alternative premises "reasonably equivalent in all respects" were available for the defendants to go to and he gave judgment in the plaintiffs' favour.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster (instructed by Messrs. d'Almeida and Mason) appeared for the appellants and Mr. P. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) for the respondents.

The appeal was based on the following four grounds:—

- 1.—That his Honour the Judge was wrong in deciding that there was a case for the appellants to answer as it had not been proved at the end of the respondents' case that the alleged alternative accommodation was reasonably equivalent in all respects.
- 2.—That his Honour the Judge was wrong in deciding on suspicion accommodation was available to the appellants on the date of the judgment.
- 3.—That the decision that the said accommodation was reasonably equivalent was against the weight of the evidence.
- 4.—That the decision that the said accommodation was available to the appellants on the date of the judgment was against the weight of the evidence.

CASE FOR THE APPELLANT.

Arguing that the plaintiffs should have been non-suited, Mr. Alabaster urged that under the section relating to these proceedings the Court must be satisfied (a) that the alternative premises were reasonably equivalent in all respects and (b) that the premises were available on the day of the judgment.

The whole scope of the Ordinance, Mr. Alabaster contended, was to restrict the right of the landlord to recover possession. Counsel quoted decisions under a similar Act at home in support of his contention that there must be positive evidence that reasonably equivalent accommodation was then available.

There were certain facts from which the Court might draw its own conclusions. The alternative premises were rejected by both parties otherwise the action would never have been brought. In the opinion of the defendants, the alternative premises had been reasonably equivalent in all respects they would have gone there.

The Acting Chief Justice pointed out that even if the premises were in all respects equivalent the old firm might say that their goodwill had attached to their premises, or that they did not want the bother of moving.

Mr. Alabaster said that if the accommodation was a place where it was found more difficult to do business and where the goodwill of the business was lost it could not be said to be equivalent in all respects. Actually the only sense in which the two places were equivalent was that they were both four-story buildings.

The Acting Chief Justice: Did not you, the defendants, tender these premises to the plaintiffs, thereby holding them as reasonably fit for that sort of business?

Mr. Alabaster: The premises were offered by the defendants with the idea that they might suit the plaintiffs—not that they would not suit them. They thought the cheaper rent might attract them. I submit the only inference to be drawn was that nobody wanted to go there.

CASE FOR THE RESPONDENTS.

Mr. Jenkin contended that the judgment was right on the first point for the reason that the judge, in finding that the alternative premises were reasonably equivalent, had properly appreciated the intention of the legislature in passing this Ordinance, and the decisions of the home Courts, in so far as they were a guide to the manner in which this Ordinance should be interpreted. This Ordinance obviously and most clearly dealt entirely with human habitation and with premises required for that purpose. It was not concerned in any sense with business premises.

The local Ordinance, Mr. Jenkin argued, was intended to apply to domestic dwellings, solely, and the whole of Mr. Alabaster's argument had considered the alternative premises entirely as a shop. The evidence showed, Mr. Jenkin maintained, that, as a residence, the alternative accommodation was equivalent in every respect. The only argument put forward in support of the contention that the premises were not equivalent was that they were not equivalent for business purposes. If such considerations were to weigh with the judge it would restrict the possibility of ever being able to prove that alternative accommodation was equivalent, because tenants would be able to furnish all sorts of flimsy pretexts for showing that it was not.

Mr. Jenkin also discussed the evidence of the other side, at some length, in order to show that the Puisne Judge was entitled to regard it with suspicion.

A REMINDER.

Mr. Alabaster, replying for the appellants, said the other side was driven to the desperate expedient of trying to show that only the domestic equivalent—not the commercial equivalent—could be considered. The local Ordinance was passed expressly to include shops, provided the master or his folks lived there. The term "Domestic tenement," a term not (Continued at foot of next column.)

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB. NIGHT SWIMMING FETE.

There was a large attendance at the night swimming fete held by the Victoria Recreation Club, last night. Amongst those present were: the Chairman of the Club, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Lieut. Commander Conway Hake, Lieut. Commander Stern, R.N., Mrs. W. Bowden-Smith, Mr. W. Logan and others.

The following were the officials:—
Judges.—Mr. A. Silva Netto, Master Gr. May, Mr. E. Busschaert and Mr. M. L. Rollier.
Competitors Stewards.—Messrs. J. Evans, G. W. Sewell and G. T. May.
Starts.—Mr. A. A. Alves and Mr. R. C. Wicheh.
Time keepers.—Capt. Wheeler, and Mr. R. J. Wilton.

THE CONTESTS.

Two lengths hurdles handicap.—1. J. V. Ramsey 33.3 sec.; 2. W. Gerard 38.3 sec.

Boys one length handicap.—The heats provided two close contests.—First heat: 1. C. J. Harris; 2. A. Bliss. Second heat: 1. J. Pearce; 2. W. Urquhart and A. May (dead heat). Final: 1. C. J. Harris (18.5 sec.); 2. W. Urquhart (13.5 sec.).

100 yards trial.—A fine race was won by J. R. Johnston (10.5 sec.). Second: G. Jack (8.4 sec.).

Girls' Two Lengths handicap: 1. D. Wicheh (45 sec.); 2. Connie Smith (41 sec.); 3. Ruby Chu (45 sec.).

Service team race.—An exciting contest resulted: 1. R.G.A. 3 mins. 19 sec.; 2. Navy 3 mins. 37 sec.

High Dive: 1. G. Hall; 2. G. Jack; 3. T. L. Knight.

Long plunge.—1. L. R. Duncan, 5 ft. 2 in.; 2. E. de Sousa, 4 ft. 9 in.

Ladies Team Race.—Miss Connie Smith's team beat Miss Ruby Young's team.

Four lengths handicap (members). A close race.—1. E. Noronha (69 sec.); 2. J. V. Ramsey (72 sec.).

SPORT.

LAWN BOWLS.

SHANGHAI P. TAIKOO CLUB.

A splendid game, resulted from the meeting of the Shanghai Interport team with "Taikoo," yesterday afternoon. Both teams were at the height of their form and the spectators, of whom there were a large number, had an exciting time. Until tea-time, it was thought that Shanghai would have an easy win but McLaughlin laid 5 in the first hand but tea, which brought the home score from 14 to 19. Shanghai never recovered from the shock, though they played with all their great powers of combination exercised to the nth degree. "Taikoo" gradually improved their position and won by 25 to 18.

The following were the teams:—
SHANGHAI.—Marks (1), Tweedie (2), McAlister (3), and Shaw (skip).

TAIKOO.—R. Wallace (1), J. Russell (2), Neil Drummond (3), McLaughlin (skip).

After the game, Mr. Hammond congratulated the visitors on the fine game they had played and the Shanghai skip, in response, said the team thought the Taikoo ground was the best they had ever played on.

WATER POLO.

The Wills met the R.G.A., at the V.R.C., yesterday, in their return match. The game lacked combination and accuracy, several of the players getting excited and the play being very scrappy as the result.

The Wills were the first to score, through Le Hurey, following a scramble in the goal-mouth. Wood equalized for the R.G.A. from a mix up near the Wills' goal.

In the second half, McDade (2) and Wood scored for the Artillery, and Le Hurey scored for the Wills from a penalty throw. The R.G.A., thus, won by 4 goals to 2.

Games for Monday:—
3.15 p.m.—V.R.C. v. Club Lusitano.
5.45 p.m.—R.G.A. v. United Athletic.

TABLE LEAGUE.

CLUB.	P.	W.	L.	POINTS.
V.R.C.	9	0	0	18
U.A.C.	9	7	2	14
Lusitano	9	7	2	14
R.G.A.	9	5	4	10
Wills	9	9	7	4
Tamar	9	1	8	2
Fozglove	10	1	9	2

in the English Act, which used the expression "dwelling house"—was invented by the local legislature which tried to find a word that could cover the case of all Chinese businesses here, where the ground floor was a shop and the upper part was used as a residence, generally by the employees of the shop. "There is no glamour of domesticity cast over this Ordinance, at all," said Mr. Alabaster (this with reference to an observation by Mr. Jenkin, at the original trial, that "an air of domesticity pervaded the measure").

Mr. Alabaster said the Ordinance covered every Chinese shop, and from this he argued that questions of suitability, from a business point of view, had to be considered by the Court when it decided whether proposed alternative premises were "reasonably equivalent in all respects."

The Court reserved judgment, Mr. Jenkin mentioned that he had put forward a motion to produce fresh evidence, and inquired as to his position in that matter.

The Acting Chief Justice said that if the case went in Mr. Jenkin's favour the evidence would not be required; if the contrary evidence could be considered later.

Mr. Alabaster: After argument as to its admissibility.

His Honour: Certainly.

THE CASSEL CONCESSION. EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS. IN THE CASE.

[CANTON INFORMATION BUREAU.]

CANTON, September 14th.

An article on the Cassel Concession has been reproduced in Hongkong from the London and China Express. The article purports to be "a clause-to-clause examination in the interests of decency and fair-play."

In these same interests the Canton Information Bureau is forced to join issue with the special correspondent, who contributed the article to the London weekly, regarding his views as to the validity of the Concession and its scope and operation.

We fear, however, that our analysis of the documents will show that the Concession was obtained by means which ought never to have been used. But we would like to believe that the gravest of these means was never consciously present in the mind of the firms and companies who constitute the Cassel Syndicate and whose names—the Special Correspondent accuses us—and we have no reason to doubt the fact—have stood in China for fifty years and more for straightforward trade.

THE QUESTION OF VALIDITY.

The Special Correspondent affirms the validity of the Concession on the ground that "a contract can only be made with the Ins and not with the Outs." We agree. But when the Outs become the Ins and as the new Government, are asked to recognise the validity of a transaction concluded by the old Government, it is at once a right and a duty of the new Government to determine the validity of such a transaction, more so when it involves the inheritance of burdens which work against public policy. This is precisely what this Government has done in the case of the Cassel Concession. It has inquired into the validity of the deal and found that the same had been negotiated in circumstances which deprived it of all validity and force. And, accordingly, the Concession has been declared null and void.

What were these circumstances? It must be noted there are two documents in the case. The first is an agreement dated in April, 1920, and the other an agreement made in August of the same year. The first was made with the then Military Governor of Kwangtung, who legally has nothing to do with civil matters, and was signed by him and by one Chang Ching-fang. The latter purported to act as Civil Governor of the province but he had not been appointed by the Military Government which, at the time, was exercising the functions of a Central Government vis-a-vis the province; nor was he even appointed by the Peking Government. He was simply put in as a "seal-keeper" by the Military Governor who had ejected the regularly appointed Civil Governor out of office.

The August agreement, described as supplementary to the April agreement, was also signed by the same Military Governor and by another official, named Yang-Yung-tai, who had been illegally appointed by a minority of the Administrative Directors of the Military Government. In point of fact, therefore, both these agreements were made with a governing body that was illegally constituted and, at the date of the August agreement, was actually engaged in hostile operations against the new Government which has since been asked to assent to the Concession. Indeed, this August agreement was made in order to secure \$100,000 to replenish the Kwangsi war-fund for operations against the forces of the new Government.

THE PRICE OF THE CONCESSION.

A "clause-to-clause examination" of the Agreements will make clearer the invalidity of the Concession. We direct attention to the clauses dealing with what may be defined as the consideration for the grant of the Concession. They are clauses 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the April agreement and clause 1 of the August agreement. In effect these clauses constitute an agreement whereby the Syndicate in consideration of the Kwangsi military leaders granting the Kwangsi military leaders a sum of \$1,000,000 at 6 per cent. interest, payable as to both interest and principal with and out of the dividends to accrue in respect of a million-dollar worth of "B" shares to be allotted to the Kwangtung Government, and (b) to allot to the nominees of the Kwangsi leaders another block of three-million dollars' worth of "B" shares. There would be nothing to condemn if it had been intended that this large allotment of "B" shares should ensure to the interest and benefit of the province. But destined as the allotment was for the interest and benefit of the personal nominees of the Kwangsi military leaders, the transaction now bears a very ugly look. We say no more.

We must justify this grave view of the transaction. First as to (a). Clause 2 of the April agreement provided that the Syndicate was to obtain the "official sanction and approval" of Peking to the Agreement, which was then to be ratified by the Kwangtung Government, and immediately thereupon the Kwangtung Government shall deposit with the Kwangtung Government the sum of one hundred thousand dollars Hongkong currency. Note the word "deposit." The same clause 4, which provided that in the event of the Syndicate floating a Company to develop the Concession "a further sum of nine hundred thousand dollars (making with the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars) shall be deposited with the Kwangtung Government as security for the due carrying out by the Company of its objects as set out in the memorandum and articles of association." That this alleged deposit of \$1,000,000 was actually intended as a loan is made plain by clause 5 which provided for the payment of interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum as well as the sum itself and the dividends to accrue in respect of the million-dollar worth of "B" shares to be allotted to the Kwangtung Government. But why was this loan arranged in the form of a deposit? Apparently the Syndicate desired to escape the criticism of lending money to the Kwangsi military leaders, in their struggle with the Cantonese forces.

"A" SHARES.

As regards (b), we have to refer to clauses 3 and 6 of the April agreement. Clause 3 provided for the floating of an operating company to be called "The Kwangtung Collieries, Limited," with a nominal capital of \$10,000,000; and clause 6 directed the equal division of this capital into "A" shares and "B" shares. The "A" shares were to be allotted by the British Directors of the Company in such manner as they might decide "but in pursuance of an agreement previously to be entered into with the Syndicate." That is to say, the Syndicate could call for an allotment of so many fully paid "A" shares as the price for the transfer of the Concession to the Company. And if the number of such fully paid "A" shares left the Company with insufficient cash capital for operation, the Company would have to raise more working capital by a debenture issue. In other words, the promoters of the deal would be free to put up as little money as possible while drawing as much dividend as possible. It is not suggested that they would have done so. We merely indicate one of the many implications of the April agreement.

"B" SHARES.

The actual words of the same clause 8 must be quoted regarding the disposal of the "B" shares—"the other half of such shares shall be classed as 'B' shares and shall be considered as fully paid up shares and shall be allotted by the Directors of the Company who are of Chinese Nationality in such manner as they may decide (subject to the provisions of clause 8 hereof)." Clause 8 directed the allotment of \$1,000,000 worth of "B" shares to the Kwangtung Government, \$500,000 worth to Trustees for the poor people in the province and \$500,000 worth to other Trustees for educational purposes in the province, leaving \$3,000,000 worth of "B" shares at the disposal of the Chinese Directors who were to be elected by the holders of "B" shares. These electors of the first batch of Chinese Directors were to be the Kwangsi leaders at Canton, and the Trustees for the Poor and for Educational purposes who, under clause 8, were "to be nominated by the Kwangtung Government" aforesaid. In other words and in effect, these \$3,000,000 worth of "B" shares were to be allotted in such manner as the Kwangsi leaders might decide.

It would be anti-climax to pursue further this "clause-to-clause examination" of the Concession. One more point, however, must be noted. The Concession did not exclude as erroneously stated by the Special Correspondent in the London and China Express, "31 coal mines for which mining rights have been granted and on which work has commenced, also seven coal mines for which mining rights have been granted but on which work has not commenced." Clause 17 of the April agreement specifically provided that "any concessions or mining rights within the said districts already granted by the Kwangtung Government which have not yet been worked on a commercial basis or exercised, shall be revoked by the Kwangtung Government; and all such concessions or mining rights as have been worked on a commercial basis, or exercised, may be acquired by the said Company on payment to the proprietors thereof such sums as they may agree to accept; the Kwangtung Government will render all such assistance as it is able to render the said Company to acquire such concessions or mining rights at a reasonable price."

We take it that, with a "Kwangtung Government" consisting of people like the Kwangsi militarists, "assistance" would mean "expropriation"—if not a more drastic proceeding—in the case of mine-owners who dared to dispute the imposition of a "reasonable price" by a Company in which they were interested to the extent of precisely half its nominal capital. We say advisedly half of the nominal capital of the Company, because the provision for the "Poor People" and for "Educational Purposes" could not be taken seriously, seeing that the Trustees for these deserving objects were "to be nominated by the Kwangtung Government." It strikes one more like a derisive gesture.

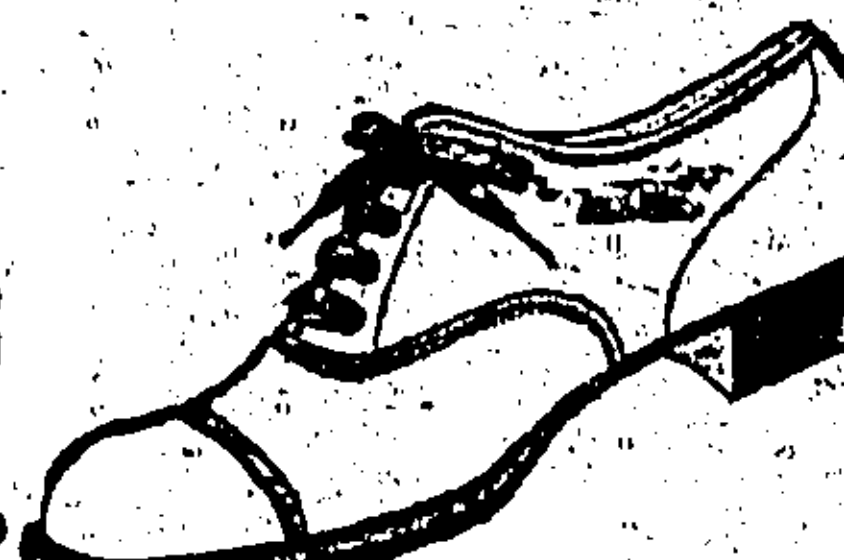
We have to make two more observations. We wish it distinctly to be understood that, while this analysis of the documents in the case discloses a method of bargaining which morally vitiate the entire transaction, we are disinclined even to suggest that the parties constituting the Syndicate were consciously aware of the real meaning of clause 8 of the April agreement when construed in relation to the rest of the document. Our final remark is this: It is admitted that the relations between the Government and the Hongkong authorities have not been satisfactory since the winter of last year, when President Sun and those serving with him began the work of ruling China in the sense contemplated by the founders of the Chinese Republic in 1912. It cannot be doubted that one, if not the chief, factor of disturbance in the relations between Canton and Hongkong has been the Cassel Concession. While the preparation of this statement has not been a pleasant task, it will have served a desirable purpose if the respectable firms and companies associated with the Cassel Syndicate will now realize that the Concession must go if their names are to continue to stand for the moral qualities on which is founded the traditional greatness of England's commerce in China. And with the closing of this China and with the closing of this very unfortunate episode, we may add that there is no reason known to us which excludes the possibility of the Cassel Concession being at a suitable moment in the near future, for the bona fide economic development of the mineral resources of a province whose prosperity means the prosperity of Hongkong.

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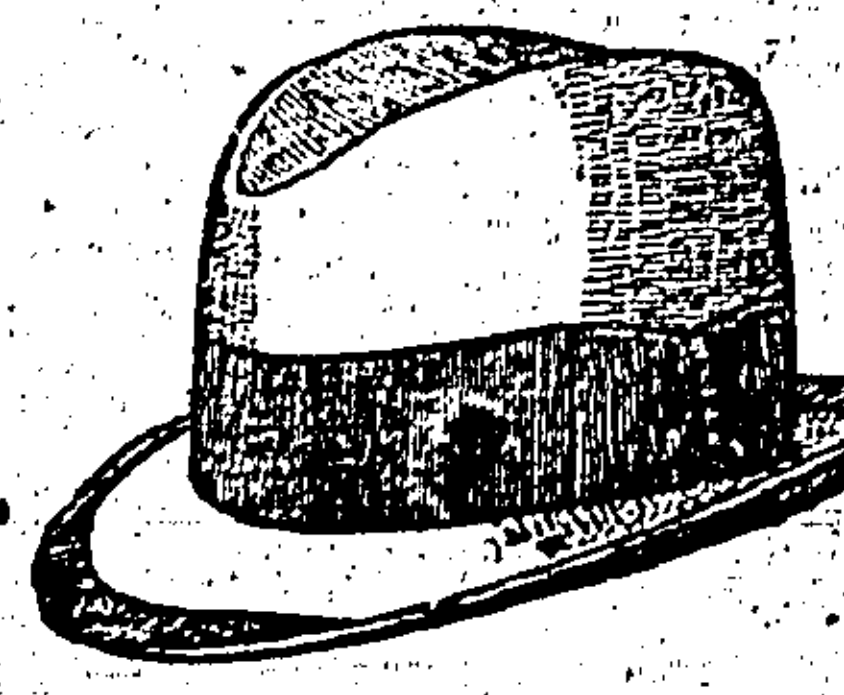
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By Order: A. H. ABBAS, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 8th, 1921. [1424]

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Hongkong, September 15th, 1921. [1450]

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T. W. HILL, Hon. Secretary.

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THE CANCELLATION OF THE

IRISH CONFERENCE.

The impasse in the Irish negotiations announced to-day is, in one of its aspects, as surprising as it is disappointing. It is surprising because the preparations for a conference had created a general impression that the Sinn Fein leaders had concluded that their demand for the recognition of Ireland as an independent sovereign State was an impossible one and must be abandoned.

It had been made perfectly clear to them from the very start that the Government made the maintenance of the Monarchy and the Naval and Military security of the United Kingdom essential conditions of any negotiations. The first conference the PRIME MINISTER had with Mr. DE VALERA, whom Mr. LLOYD GEORGE described in a subsequent public speech as "the chieftain of the vast majority of the Irish race," lasted very nearly three hours. In Mr. LLOYD GEORGE's words they "discussed the various methods and suggestions which have been put forward for the settlement of the long, long controversy between the Irish and the British people—an old, old feud, a bitter feud, a wasteful feud, one in which there has been for ages long a number of disastrous blunders, of endless opportunities lost." He expressed a hope that the latest opportunity would not be lost; but it is evidently in grave danger of being lost. We may safely assume that at this first conference the PRIME MINISTER insisted on the vital conditions for the maintenance of the union on the lines subsequently defined in his official letter inviting the Sinn Fein leaders to a further conference for discussion of the proposals, framed by the Government on that basis. It remains incomprehensible that the Sinn Fein leaders should so long have toyed with these proposals if they were inflexibly resolved not to abandon their claim to be regarded as representing an independent sovereign State, for neither the PRIME MINISTER nor any other Minister has allowed Mr. DE VALERA to labour under any impression that recognition of Ireland as an independent

republic was within the range of even the remotest of possibilities. So far as we are aware, not the slightest encouragement has been given by any responsible British sympathiser with the Irish in their grievances to the pretensions of the Sinn Fein leaders to be recognised as representatives of an independent sovereign State. There is a section of the British Press which has always been prone to show more sympathy with the Irish irreconcilables than with the endeavours of the Government to remove legitimate grievances, but it has never gone to the extent of giving any encouragement to ideas of complete separation. We have seen even the wide concessions of self-government offered in the recent communications criticised as failing to meet essential needs, though obviously questions of that sort would form legitimate subjects for discussion and investigation at such a conference as there had seemed good reason to hope would be happily brought about. But it is now clearly revealed that the cardinal demand of Sinn Fein is for the recognition of Ireland as a republic, as independent of the British Empire as is Switzerland or any republic of South America.

The reply which Mr. LLOYD GEORGE has given to Mr. DE VALERA's latest re-iteration of this demand is the only one which could possibly be returned in the circumstances by the Head of any British Government. It has now been clearly revealed to the whole world that, in the words of the PRIME MINISTER, Sinn Fein has not come a single step to meet the advances made by the Government, but has merely re-iterated "in phrases of emphatic challenge the letter and spirit of their original claim." Manifestly, acceptance by the Government of a conference, on such a basis as Mr. DE VALERA's claim, would constitute, as Mr. LLOYD GEORGE says, official recognition of the severance of Ireland from the Empire, and its existence as an independent republic, and entitle Mr. DE VALERA to declare as of right, acknowledged by the Government, that, in preference to association to the British Empire, he would pursue closer association by Treaty with some foreign Power. No other construction can reasonably be put upon the claim, and no other answer is possible to it than the refusal which Mr. LLOYD GEORGE has given to participate in a conference on such a basis. The next move will be awaited with eagerness throughout the Empire. While the PRIME MINISTER is consulting his colleagues on the course of action necessitated by the new situation there is opportunity for the Sinn Fein leaders to reconsider their attitude in the light of the British Government's most emphatic repudiation of the claim which stands in the way of granting to Ireland an exceedingly generous measure of autonomy, greater than any previous Irish leaders have ever demanded or hoped to receive.

A Japanese named Nakamura, of Singapore, has won the tennis championship of Malaya.

Dr. Henry F. Hodgkin, of the Society of Friends, will be the special preacher at Union Church to-morrow, at both services.

It is announced that the name of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Limited, has been changed to Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd.

According to a report just issued by the Nippon Kogyo Ginko (Japan Industrial Bank), 42 companies reduced their capital by Y.8,950,000 during 1920.

The second battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, who are coming direct from active service in Egypt, were expected at Singapore last week. They relieve the South Staffords.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending September 3rd, amounted to 80,295 tons and the sales during the period to 85,440 tons.

General Li Yuan-hung has declined the invitation to act as President of the "Association to support the cause of China at the Pacific Conference." Mr. Chou Shu-mu has now been asked to accept the post.

At the request of the Military and Civil Governors of Honan, Cheongchow, a trade centre on the Peking-Hankow line, has been opened up to international trade. It is stated that a loan of three million dollars has been made by two Chinese firms, for the necessary preparatory development. Lulingtan, situated about 57 miles from Changsha, is also to be reconstructed as a port for international commerce. The merchants of Hunan are financing the project.

Yesterday, the Chung Ch'io Chieh (the mid-autumn festival) was celebrated by the Chinese in the usual way, by feasting, drinking *sam sha*, the burning of candles, and firing of crackers.

The American Red Cross has allocated \$100,000 for the purpose of sinking wells in the Tingchow district. Wells are considered essential in the prevention of famine, and the American Red Cross is preparing to undertake the work on a large scale.

The construction of the Peking-Tientsin Highway is now proceeding, although the failure of the officials to secure right-of-way has seriously delayed the work. At present there are about six thousand men engaged upon the earthwork and bridges.

A new golf links of nine holes, with sufficient room for another nine holes, was opened at Kuala Lumpur by the Hon. Mr. Oliver Marks, the President, in the presence of the biggest European gathering seen locally. The club house is a magnificent building.

It is reported that the Chinese Government intends to place the astronomical instruments restored by Germany on exhibition for ten days, under the Ministry of Education. The greater part of this historical collection has reached Peking and the remainder is on the way back.

Before Mr. G. N. Orme, yesterday, nine Chinese were charged with having stowed away from Singapore by the s.s. *Laisang*. They said that, owing to the rubber slump, they could not find work and were starving in Singapore. The Magistrate passed sentence of one month's imprisonment in each case.

A Chinese youth was sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, yesterday, to two months' imprisonment with hard labour for being a rogue and a vagabond. He was found by a detective in the small hours of the morning trying to insert a bamboo into the wire netting of a window at the back of a house in Kau U Fong.

The body of a Chinese boy, aged about 11 years, was found by the Water Police in the harbour off the Stonecutters bathing beach on Thursday afternoon. The body was identified as that of a student named Lui Chak Woon who went to bathe with a party of schoolmates on Wednesday and failed to return. His absence had already been reported.

Russian reports from Dairen say that a preliminary agreement has been reached between the Russo-Japanese negotiators relating to the withdrawal of the Japanese troops from Siberia, with the exception of the Sahalin islands, on account of the massacre of Japanese in Nicolaviesk last year. Japan will also get mining and fishery concessions in Siberia and in the Kamchatka islands.

Two fishermen were charged before Mr. G. N. Orme, yesterday, with the unlawful possession, on board their junk, of 470 rounds of rifle ammunition. Mr. A. E. Hall defended. Inspector Spear said that the defendants had a permit for four rifles and 314 rounds of ammunition. The 470 rounds which formed the subject of the charge were in excess of the number allowed by the permit. Evidence will be heard to-day.

A fishing junk brought into Aberdeen harbour, on Thursday afternoon, three members of the crew of a small fishing smack which had capsized in rough sea off Waglan. The men were clinging to the overturned vessel, greatly exhausted when they were rescued at 8 a.m. Owing to the rough sea and strong wind it was impossible for the junk to tow the smack into port and she was abandoned. The police, however, hope to save the vessel. No lives were lost.

The Home Government has given a final verdict on the proposal for the compulsory restriction of rubber cultivation. A cable has been received at Kuala Lumpur from the Rubber Growers Association which states that Sir Laurence Guillemard has been notified definitely that the decision of the Secretary of State against the co-operation of other Governments is final. The *Singapore Free Press*, commenting on the cable, says: "The position apparently then is this: The local Government is under the absolute rule of the Home Government. The Home Government has definitely laid it down that it will not sanction legislation asked for. The local Government, in the face of that, has come to the end of any useful interposition in the matter and it rests solely and entirely with rubber planters, and companies, to get the industry out of the mess, into which it has floundered. These facts may as well be recognized, for it is not until they are fully recognized that the industry will turn its sole and undivided attention to the matter of its own salvation which it can perfectly well accomplish if it cares to try."

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH ROUTE'S AGENCY.)
THE IRISH CRISIS.
THE LAST CHANCE.

LONDON, September 16th.
The Prime Minister's blunt decision cancelling the proposed Irish conference at Inverness, in consequence of the obdurate attitude of Sinn Fein, is approved on all hands.

Mr. Lloyd George's action has undoubtedly been dictated by the recognition of the fact that the people of Great Britain consider that the Government have gone to the utmost limit in their desire to attain a settlement. The dis-appointment is even more acute in Ireland than in Great Britain. A feeling of consternation has been produced in Dublin, where Mr. Lloyd George's step was totally unexpected.

The London Press, with few exceptions, comments briefly on the situation, owing to the lateness of the publication of the correspondence. The papers dwell, however, on the unquestionable evidence of fact that the Irish outside the Sinn Fein Government are hungering for peace. The view is freely expressed that Mr. de Valera and his associates do not represent the present Irish feeling. It is thought that the short respite afforded by the delay mentioned in the Prime Minister's letter may cause this feeling to become vocal.

THE DELAY.

LATER.
The delay mentioned in Mr. Lloyd George's telegram to Mr. de Valera is due to the fact that Mr. Lloyd George is suffering from the effects of a chill and will possibly be laid up for a few days.

EARLIER CABLES.

MR. DE VALERA'S FINAL NOTE.

LONDON, September 16th.
Mr. de Valera's letter, which has been published in Dublin, accepts the invitation to Inverness in the terms of the closing clause in Mr. Lloyd George's letter of September 8th, but re-affirms Ireland's independence as a sovereign State. The letter says that Mr. de Valera has no hesitation in declaring his willingness to enter a conference in the words of Mr. Lloyd George's letter to ascertain how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British Empire can best be reconciled with Irish national aspirations.

Dail Eirinn has already been summoned to ratify the appointment of representatives for the conference at Inverness on September 20th.
Mr. de Valera deems it his duty in this final Note to re-affirm that Ireland has formally declared independence and recognize herself as a sovereign State, and only as the representatives of such a State have been chosen guardians of the authority to act.

PREMIER CANCELS CONFERENCE.

LATER.
Mr. Lloyd George has telegraphed to Mr. de Valera cancelling the conference at Inverness in view of Mr. de Valera's reiteration of the claim to negotiate as the representative of an independent sovereign State, after the warning that this would make the conference impossible.

The Premier is consulting his colleagues in regard to the course necessitated by the new situation.

PREMIER'S TELEGRAM TO MR. DE VALERA.

LATER.
Mr. Lloyd George's telegram to Mr. de Valera says that "the (Premier) informed Mr. de Valera's emissaries, at Inverness on September 13th, that the reiteration of Mr. de Valera's claim to negotiate with the Government as the representative of an independent sovereign State would make a conference impossible. The emissaries brought a letter from Mr. de Valera specifically re-affirming the claim. Mr. Lloyd George asked the emissaries to warn Mr. de Valera of the very serious effect of such a claim, and offered to consider the letter as undelivered, in order to allow Mr. de Valera time for re-consideration."

Nevertheless, Mr. de Valera has now published the letter in its original form. Mr. Lloyd George must accordingly cancel the arrangements for the conference at Inverness for next week, and consult his colleagues on the course of action necessitated by the new situation.

Mr. Lloyd George emphasizes the fact that the Government cannot re-consider its position. The Government's acceptance, as the conference basis, of Mr. de Valera's claim would constitute an official recognition of the severance of Ireland from the Empire and its existence as an independent republic, and entitle Mr. de Valera to declare as of right, and to be acknowledged by the Government, that in preference to association to the British Empire, he will pursue a closer association by a treaty with some foreign Power. Only one answer is possible to such a claim. The great concessions which the Government made to Irish feeling, in order to secure a lasting settlement, says the Premier, deserved a more generous response, but, hitherto, every advance has been made by the Government. Sinn Fein have not come a single step to meet them, but merely reiterated, in phrases of emphatic challenge, in letter and spirit, their original claim.

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LATEST CABLES.

THE ARBUCKLE CASE.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY OPPOSES BAIL.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 16th.
After the Grand Jury's indictment of Arbuckle on a charge of manslaughter, the Judge fixed bail at \$5,000 cash, but the District Attorney declared that bail was impossible, until the charge of murder had been settled.

It is noteworthy that the charges—mentioned yesterday (manslaughter and murder) relate to the single case in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe.

NOVEL LIBEL SUIT.

MAYOR'S CHARGE AGAINST NEWSPAPERS.

New York, September 16th.
A unique libel suit will shortly be heard in Chicago, where the Municipality is suing the *Chicago Tribune* for a sum of \$2,500,000, also the *Chicago Daily News* for a similar amount, for criticising the Mayor's administrative and financial policy, which, it is alleged, has gravely impaired the city's credit. Unrepentant, the *Chicago Tribune* publishes a vigorous reply.

INDIAN AGITATORS.

ACTION BY GOVERNMENT.

SIMLA, September 16th.
It is understood that a number of prominent agitators have been arrested.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, September 16th.
The death is announced of Sir John Bramston, G.C.M.G., C.B., D.C.L., who was Attorney-General in Hongkong from 1874 to 1878, and Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies from 1878 to 1897. He was 80 years of age.

EARLIER CABLES.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

ADMISSION OF ESTHONIA AND LATVIA.

GENEVA, September 16th.
The special commission for investigating the applications for admission into the League has unanimously decided to favour the admission of Esthonia and Latvia.

The joint committee of the Council and the Assembly has selected M. Beichmann (Norway) as the final supplementary judge of the International Court. All those selected as judges are asked to communicate acceptance or refusal before Sunday.

The Joint Committee of the Council and the Assembly consists of the Counsellors, M. Hymans (Belgium), Dr. Wellington Koo (China), and Sonor Quinones de Leon (Spain), and of the members of the Assembly, M. Motta (Switzerland), Meinheer van Swinderen (the Netherlands), and M. Zahle (Denmark).

THE RUSSIAN FAMINE.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMISSION'S PROGRAMME.

PARIS, September 16th.
The International Commission of Relief of the Russian Famine has resolved to convene a European conference of twenty-four States, including Germany, Bulgaria, Poland and the Russian Border States, also the Red Cross, at Brussels on October 6th.

Each country will be represented by one delegate with power to vote. No further request will be made to the Soviet for enquiry on the spot.

NAPHA STILL EXPLOSION.
MEN'S FATAL LEAP FROM UPPER STOREY.

PHILADELPHIA, September 16th.
Ten men were killed and 29 injured in an explosion of a Naphtha still in the Atlantic Refining Company. Several were caught in the upper storey of the building, and jumped 75 feet to escape from the flames. Most of them were killed on the spot; others fell in a pool of burning oil and were incinerated.

OUT IN WAGES.

NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN IN LONDON.

LONDON, September 16th.
Negotiations between masters and men as regards wage reductions of 4 to 11 shillings weekly, involving 50,000 workers, broke down at to-day's meeting of the Joint Industrial Council.

The soap and candle trades workers withdrew after the refusal of the employers to accept arbitration.

ANOTHER RIOT IN BELFAST.

LONDON, September 16th.
The two rival parties came in conflict in Belfast this afternoon. Revolvers were fired, and two women were wounded. The military dispersed the rioters.

BRITISH TRADE SHIP.
EARL GREY'S HOPES.

LONDON, September 16th.
Earl Grey, describing the British trade ship scheme, said that two years would elapse before the vessel could start on her journey. He said that he did not believe in a quick revival of trade. He was convinced that this ship, when the time was ripe, would attract such attention that it would open the door on immense possibilities.

Commander R. W. Day, author of the scheme, said that, when in the East before the war, he saw German ships running at a loss but paving the way for German trade.

SOUTH WALES COAL.
DEMAND FROM THE EAST.

LONDON, September 16th.
There is an improved demand apparent for South Wales coal for the East. Tonnage has been chartered at the Baltic Exchange to carry coals from South Wales to Sourabaya at 18s. a ton.

BRITISH ADMIRAL'S TACT.

QUEEN OF HOLLAND CONFERS HIGH ORDER.

THE HAGUE, September 16th.
Queen Wilhelmina has conferred on Rear-Admiral Hodges, the Grand Cordon of the Order of Orange of Nassau, also lower grades on four other British naval men, who were recently in Holland.

EARLIER CABLES.

EFFECT OF VISIT TO HOLLAND.

THE HAGUE, September 16th.
The cordiality of the Anglo-Dutch amities here was greatly enhanced by Rear-Admiral Hodges causing the salute of twenty-one guns being fired from the warship *Coccyus* on leaving the Ymuiden docks, although he was not bound by naval usage to do so.

CANADIAN CABINET.

PREMIER'S RECONSTRUCTION SCHEME.

OTTAWA, September 15th.
The Premier, Mr. Meighen, has received the resignations of all the Ministers as a preliminary to the reconstruction of the Cabinet, details of which will be announced early next week.

It is expected that Parliament will be dissolved immediately afterwards.

UPPER SILESIA PROBLEM.

BRITISH FORCE OCCUPIES LIPINE.

OPPELN, September 15th.
The first contingent of Italian reinforcements for Upper Silesia has arrived. The British have occupied Lipine, and other places will be occupied shortly.

CRICKET.

CHAMPION COUNTY V. REST.

LONDON, September 15th.
At the Oval, the match between the Champion County and the Rest of England teams resulted in a victory for the latter by 9 wickets.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

The following notes are taken from the Journal of the Association of Chinese and American Engineers:
Construction has begun on the Hunan-Hupoh section of the Canton-Hankow Railway from Chuchow to Hengchow. The length of line is about 80 miles. The first division extends from Chuchow to Lukow.

In connection with this present extension of the Canton-Hankow railway, ninety tons of steel plates have been recently ordered from the Yangtze Construction Co. of Hankow at \$343.00 per ton, local currency.

The Hunanese Railway Association has petitioned the Government for the administration of the section of the Canton-Hankow Railway which is being commenced between Chuchow and Hengchow.

THE FLOUR INDUSTRY

IN CHINA.

The Journal of the Office of the High Industrial Commissioner (Chinese) says:—Wonderful progress is revealed in the flour industry in China proper. With Shanghai as centre of the trade, mills manufacturing flour are increasing rapidly:—

Location.	No. of mills.	Daily Output, sacks (each 50 lbs.)
Shanghai	22	94,000
Wash	6	23,000
Hankow	4	13,000
Tientsin	4	12,000
Changchun	4	14,000
Tsinau	3	13,000

The China Hsin Hui Vermicelli and Macaroni Manufacturing Co. was established seven years ago in Shanghai with a branch in Hongkong by a Cantonese merchant. The original capital of \$1,000,000 has now been increased to \$1,500,000, and new premises have been erected in Shanghai.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

EFFECT OF TAXATION ON THE LANDED CLASS.
DUKE OF PORTLAND'S LAMENT TO HIS TENANTS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, August 11th.

PASSING OF A SOCIAL ORDER.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new," and it is hard to realise that we are spectators of a social revolution which will be as complete when it is finally effected as was the passing of the Feudal system. The disappearance of the county families is proceeding very rapidly, and this class, which has played a large part in English life, will before long have vanished for ever. The record of what has been going on since the end of the war is contained in the reports of sales of big estates all over the country. The high cost of living and heavy taxation are the main reasons why ancestral properties are being disposed of, and the owners are obliged to adapt themselves to a more modest scale of comfort with fewer responsibilities.

This week attention is particularly directed to what is happening by the Duke of Portland, who told his tenants at Welbeck Abbey that it was doubtful whether he or his family would be able to continue to reside there. He seemed certain that those who come after him will be unable to do so, owing to the present enormous rate of taxation and the extremely onerous incidence of the death duties.

A "SWAN SONG" OF DUCAL SPLENDOUR.

The speech might be described as the "Swan Song" of ducal splendour as a result of the crushing burden of taxation which falls upon every one of us in England today. Taxation is putting an end to a social order which was an essential feature of English life. Great estates are being broken up, and the "stately homes" of the old landed aristocracy are being demolished, or allowed to stand empty, because nobody can afford to maintain them. The class of people who made money out of the war have neither the taste nor the inclination to settle down as country magnates, even assuming that they could learn to fill the rôle adequately, which is a pretty large assumption. A comparatively small establishment suits their purpose better.

A discussion has been started as to the best way of preserving some of the fine country houses that are vacant in many parts of the country. The feeling is that it would be a thousand pities if they were to be destroyed, and the best suggestion seems to be that the County Councils, or similar bodies ought to acquire them and adapt them as hospitals or schools for higher education. In years to come these splendid mansions will be of the greatest possible interest as memorials of the great territorial families.

There is Welbeck Abbey, for instance, which is an extraordinarily fine place, well worthy of the noble family who own it. The 5th Duke of Portland had an intense dislike of publicity, and was determined to shut himself in from the gaze of his fellows. Accordingly, he constructed a wonderful series of apartments underground, including a ball-room between 300 and 300 feet long, and 51 feet high, capable of accommodating hundreds of guests; a riding school, where he used to take horse exercise, a picture gallery, and many other rooms. Altogether the subterranean passages at Welbeck extend to rather more than 20 miles.

SOME EXAMPLES OF HEAVY TAXATION.

I suppose it is merely a coincidence, but while the Duke of Portland was complaining of taxation and its effects in his speech at Welbeck Abbey, the Duke of Bedford was writing to the *Times*, calling attention to the same subject. He states that in the case of an agricultural estate in Bedfordshire comprising 18,000 acres there was a deficit last year of £2,318 after payment of income-tax and super-tax. There is not the slightest reason to doubt the accuracy of the figure, or to regard the experience of the Duke of Bedford as an exception.

Recently Mr. Prytymen, who is chairman of the Land Union, and is himself a large landed proprietor, told the House of Commons that in 1920 the rental of a certain estate in Scotland amounted to £44,490. The cost of management and maintenance, not including anything for repairs, was £10,000. The net income of the owner, after deducting the cost of management and maintenance, was £34,490. On this sum the burden of taxes, rates, and other statutory charges reached the total of £22,800. For the owner there was left the princely revenue of £11,690.

RUMOURS ABOUT A NEW DAILY PAPER.

In certain influential quarters strong hopes are entertained that a new daily paper representing Independent Liberalism will be launched in London in the near future. I understand that although negotiations were carried to a point some weeks ago and were then held up, the matter is not dead. The proposal has a very powerful backing financially.

It would be an excellent thing if the new daily appeared. Independent Liberalism is by no means well represented in the Press either in London or in the great centres of population in the country. The conduct of Parliamentary business and the control of public affairs generally would stand to gain if there were a strong morning paper capable of keeping in the forefront the fundamental principles of sound Liberalism. Apart from politics, another newspaper would be welcomed in journalism. Owing to recent newspaper amalgamations and other developments there are more competent journalists now out of work than have been the case within the memory of the oldest veteran in Fleet Street.

ALL DONE BY KINDNESS.

A good deal of amusement was extracted from the evidence of witnesses who appeared before the House of Commons Committee appointed to consider the Performing Animals Bill. The idea of the promoters of this piece of legislation is to induce Parliament to prohibit stage performances in which animals appear. The argument is that the training is necessarily cruel and ought to be made illegal.

Against this we have had a procession of showmen, like Mr. Sanger, of Circus fame, ridiculing the assertion that there is any cruelty. It is all done by kindness. These experts held that if a trainer inspires an animal with fear it will not go on the stage; and if anybody ill-treated a lion or an elephant his life would be in peril at subsequent performances. The Committee were treated to demonstrations by a dog that pretended to be drunk, a baboon riding a bicycle, and a canary that disappeared by means of a clever conjuring trick. Imagine this within the precincts of the Houses of Parliament—without doubt an incident unique in their long history!

THE EMPIRE CONFERENCE.

A lot of water has run under the bridge since Mr. Chamberlain made famous what we then called the Imperial Conferences. The word Imperial has been dropped as denoting a military nexus, and it was disliked by the Dominion Prime Ministers. The bonds between the Mother Country and the great lands overseas are primarily based on a community of interests as free-governing peoples with the same fellowship of race and political ideals. The Conference just closed, with a message expressing devotion to the Throne, permitted of the interchange of ideas on matters of common statesmanship. The note throughout has been the fullest recognition of the right of the Dominions to be consulted on questions of Empire importance and world policy. That was a right they established beyond cavil or question by the part they played in the war.

Perhaps the matter of most general interest under discussion was the need for freer means of communication between different parts of the Empire and this, country. The obstacles, which prevent more frequent consultations is distance. It is believed that this point was so strongly stressed by the Dominion Premiers that the improvement of telegraphic communications can no longer be delayed.

I hear it said in quarters well qualified to speak on the subject that the Dominions have not displayed the interest in British foreign policy that might have been expected, considering what they did in the war. The Foreign Office in London would like the Governments overseas to have a say in directing policy, but no such desire exists. On this score they are indifferent. This sounds rather curious, but it is a fact, nevertheless.

GENERAL SMUTS AND IRELAND.

One of the statesmen who attended the Conference and gained great accession to his prestige, already considerable, is General Smuts. It was a stroke of genius on the part of the Prime Minister to call upon him to act as a go-between in relation to Irish affairs. He was the one man above all others who could approach the Sinn Fein revolutionaries with the olive branch in his hand and at the same time completely escape a suggestion which has so often been used to destroy peace proposals in Ireland—namely, that the British Government is not to be trusted. The Boer leader, who was in arms against Britain twenty years ago and is now the loyal supporter of the Empire and what it stands for, knows better than that.

Before General Smuts left here for South Africa this week, I understand that he sent a letter of friendly greeting to Mr. de Valera. He plainly intimated that in his opinion the terms offered by the Government to Sinn Fein embody the highest possible degree of independence. They are more liberal even than the terms given to the Boer majority after the settlement negotiated by Mr. Campbell-Bannerman. Ulster has a guarantee of Dominion Home Rule with adequate safeguards, and it is for Sinn Fein to accept the present offer for the rest of the country.

RIVAL AUTHORS.

While the *Times* has found a "silly season" subject in a discussion about the virtues or evils of "Cocktails" as a steady drink, and the *Daily Telegraph* has started a serial story, the *Morning Post* has fallen back on the feud that has been waged so long between those rival literatures, Mr. Henry Arthur Jones and Mr. H. G. Wells. The earlier stages of the controversy, which centres round the latter's Socialist writings, were staged in the columns of the *Evening Standard*. Mr. H. A. Jones has always been a fighter; and I am old enough to recall the time when as a struggling dramatist he wrote a play, entitled *The Silver King*, in collaboration with Henry Herman (that weird person with a glass eye and a weakness for playing poker), which put him financially and artistically on his feet, and incidentally started Wilson Barrett on his successful career.

From the columns of ironical advice gratuitously tendered by Mr. H. A. Jones to Mr. H. G. Wells, the public are invited to conclude that the latter is among other things "a silly ringer," "an excited imbecile," and "an out-and-out liar." But the popular Socialist and novelist who has been described for us by the "War of the Worlds" treats Jones leniently in the discussion compared with his eminent statistical Fabian brother, Sidney Webb—a "rotten little incessant intriguer, who ought to be killed by some mental sanitary authority." How these literary Socialists love one another!

NEW WIRELESS INVENTION.

FAC-SIMILE WRITING.

In a message from Paris on 14th, the correspondent of the *Evening Telegraph* states that the inventor of a wireless message received from the *New York Times* in which the handwriting of the *New York Times* was reproduced as if it were the original. The inventor of the wireless message, which was done by French engineer, M. Belin.

There is nothing really surprising what has been accomplished. Theoretically what is possible with ordinary graphic lines can also be done by wireless transmission. For many years a device known as the "telewriter" has been in commercial use in England and other countries by means of which the writer's handwriting is reproduced at the other end of a wire. The success of the operation in this case depends upon the simultaneous use of two different electric currents which are automatically brought into a circuit by the pencil of the message.

What M. Belin has probably done is adapt this quite well-known method of wireless transmission by the simultaneous employment of two currents of different wave length. It has even been applied to the transmission of photographs and pictures.

The system, however, has not been used for either purpose for the reason that with the multiplied use of electricity for all purposes earth and air are full of induced currents—a term which any one with an elementary knowledge of electricity will understand. These cause an alteration in the currents used to transmit the handwriting or picture, and produce distortion of form. If the interference of the induction currents is at all appreciable, the distortion becomes considerable that the original picture is quite unlike the original. The writer in the *Morning Post* is where, in the course of his optimistic comments on M. Belin's invention, he says that the influence of earth or atmospheric currents is less in the case of wireless transmission than in that of graphic signals sent over ordinary telegraphic cables or wires. Every engineer and telegraph operator knows that the facts are exactly the opposite. One of the chief obstacles to rapid and continuous wireless signalling is the effect produced by so-called "atmospherics," that is stray electric currents, or the disturbances caused by thunderstorms perhaps a thousand miles away. It was only the other day that an announcement was made that Signor Marconi had discovered a method of "screening out" these interferences. That discovery, however, is still only what may be described as a laboratory experiment, and has not yet been brought into commercial use. When it is the speed and certainty of wireless transmission will be much improved, and it will, also, no doubt, be of value to M. Belin's invention.

Without in any way belittling the French scientist's clever work, a doubt may be expressed as to whether it will find much application in either diplomacy or business. The exacting analogue of the transmission of handwriting and pictures over ordinary telegraphic lines has not been largely employed, and the wireless adoption of the same principles is not likely to be extensively used. The direction in which electronic look for important developments is in the field of wireless telephony. Here there is the prospect of immense extension and utility, and no one can predict what may be achieved in the future. *Daily Telegraph*.

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN AGAIN.

It is good news that London is to have a four months' season of Gilbert and Sullivan opera this Autumn. This will open at the Prince's Theatre on October 2nd, and I believe its success may be regarded as assured. To the present generation of younger theatre-goers, these performances are not without their educational value (though I hate the phrase), as demonstrating the sound musical and dramatic taste that held the public fast in other days before we had heard of *revues*. It is a fact worth noting that no body seems to have been able to capture or even passably to imitate the quaint and delicate fantasy that pervades Gilbert and Sullivan entertainments. They came but once only, it would seem, and the secret of their creation has been lost.

MELANCHOLY WITH A MILLION.

The newspapers have given long accounts of the life of Mr. Burdett Coutts, whose death is reported this week. He was not a conspicuous success in Parliament, or in anything else for that matter; everybody thought of him chiefly as the husband of Baroness Burdett Coutts, of the famous banking firm, and the mistress of a million, or more sterling. But, although passing rich, Mr. Burdett Coutts did not seem to get much enjoyment out of the vast fortune he got with his wife. He was a sad man, inclined to melancholy, and he used to mope about the corridors of the House of Commons and in and out of the division lobbies like one who was bored to death and found his scarcely worth the living.

Perhaps the fact that he suffered from insomnia for years was certainly an instance where the old saw that "money is not everything" could be well applied. His nephew, Mr. Ahmed Barlett, wrote some excellent articles as a correspondent of the *Evening Standard*, and more recently as the official correspondent with the *Armes* on Gallipoli, in both cases for the *Daily Telegraph*, but he has for some time disappeared from the ranks of those who

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PARIS FASHION NOTES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, ISABELE RAMSAY.)

PARIS, August 1st.

Paris usually has some new sensation in the matter of gowns or hats up her sleeve, but the most astute could not have guessed what an unusual one she was holding back for the Spring parade. This is no less than the three-in-one dress, or, as its creator calls it, the "transformation" dress.

Such a creation is surely a result of the great law of cause and effect. The cause in this case being the revival of that gay social life that, before the war, made Paris one of the brightest cities in the world. Such a revival means very little to passing visitors who merely skim through the City of Light on their way to other countries, but to the worldly Parisienne joyously plunging into this unceasing round of festivities it is a very serious matter indeed.

There are only two reasons for the existence of any one of these functions—that of meeting one's friends, and that of showing off one's toilette. The first is simple, but the second is more than difficult when the day is so crowded that it would be impossible to fit in every engagement if one were obliged to return home to change. The practical minded would reply at once: Why change? They might just as well ask why the sun bothers to set at night. There is a rule which mothers have handed down to their daughters from time immemorial, and this rule is that the dress one wears in the morning may not be worn in the afternoon, and that which is worn in the afternoon may not make its appearance in the evening. This rule Parisiennes adhere to as strictly as they do to all others relating to their appearance. When I write of Parisiennes here I refer to that class, apply described by the name *élégantes*, who uphold the world tradition of their nation for elegance and grace.

But sense of dress is so strong in Frenchwomen that even the working class have their traditions, the most insistent being that they may not wear on Sunday the type of dress they have worn all the week. So you see right through the week up till mid-day on Sunday, when she has finished preparing the family's dinner, a woman of the people wearing her black dress covered up by a neat holland overall, going about her work and marketing in sandals or strong felt or cloth slippers, and the more distinguishing mark of all—no hat. On Sunday afternoons, when she goes out with her husband and children, black dress and overall and sandals are put on one side, and she dons her first raiment, boots or shoes, and—her chief glory—a hat. So great is the hold of tradition on people in these older countries that if a working woman appeared in the market place wearing a hat on week days she would cause consternation, and not a little malicious gossiping and speculation among her acquaintances, whereas if the same woman appeared on Sundays in her best attire and without a hat she would cause an equal amount of consternation and speculation.

The force of tradition which holds French women of the people in its grip, also holds the *élégantes* of Paris. And Parisian designers, realizing this have risen to the occasion and created a dress which will fulfil the difficult feat of complying with the most rigid demands of tradition and at the same time obviate any necessity on the wearer's part of returning home to change. Maybe, the transformation dress would not have been possible if fashion were not indulgent enough to permit a curious mixture of materials, but, seeing that the right of serge and silk, Georgette and fur, brocade and cotton materials is no longer unusual but everyday, such a feat is possible. The fashion for capes, boleros and short coats also lends itself admirably to this new idea.

One model in net and lace was transformed into three different frocks, firstly, by the addition of a bolero and over the skirt; the second edition was the lace waist; the third transformation was the addition of a wide belt of shot silk fastened with outstanding loops and ends at the side; and the third transformation was obtained by substituting a dainty dinner bodice made of the same net and lace as the one with long sleeves and high collar worn during the day. Thus, with very little extra expense, three different toilettes were obtained.

The idea of converting an organdie frock into a serge tailor-made dress at first as though one had been devious into an old book of fairy tales for inspiration, but such a feat becomes simplicity itself when you take several widths of organdie and make therefrom a one-piece frock and embroider it with large motifs and tracings in a *coup de roche* shade; if you want to go shopping or to keep an appointment with your dentist or dressmaker in the morning and will not have time to return home to change for lunch or an afternoon tea party all you have to do is to button over your organdie frock a light serge skirt, which, being shorter by a few inches, creates the fashionable effect of showing the organdie underneath. Then you add a short neck coat of the same serge, finished with lapings worked in *coq de pays* braid, and you are suitably attired for your morning parade. Before appearing at your lunch or tea party, you slip off the serge skirt and jacket, and appear in the charming freshness of your organdie frock. An obvious combination is to take a one-piece frock of checked voile and tulle and partly cover it with a long coat of the same voile material collar and cuffs of the same voile material. By adding a little bolero in tulle embroidered in tones to harmonize with the shade of the design ornamenting a quaint one-piece frock worn with it, you can easily make an outdoor and indoor frock with practically the same outlay of money and material.

With a one-piece frock as a foundation there is no need for changes that can be rung in by the addition of a short coat, an over-skirt, a panel or several panels, a bolero, a skirt or a wide strap and ends, even to a pinaflore-like panel effect that can be worn back to front, with maybe, one panel reaching to the hem and the other to just below the waist. Tulle and serge, tulle and organdie, voile and tulle, and rayon may be combined.

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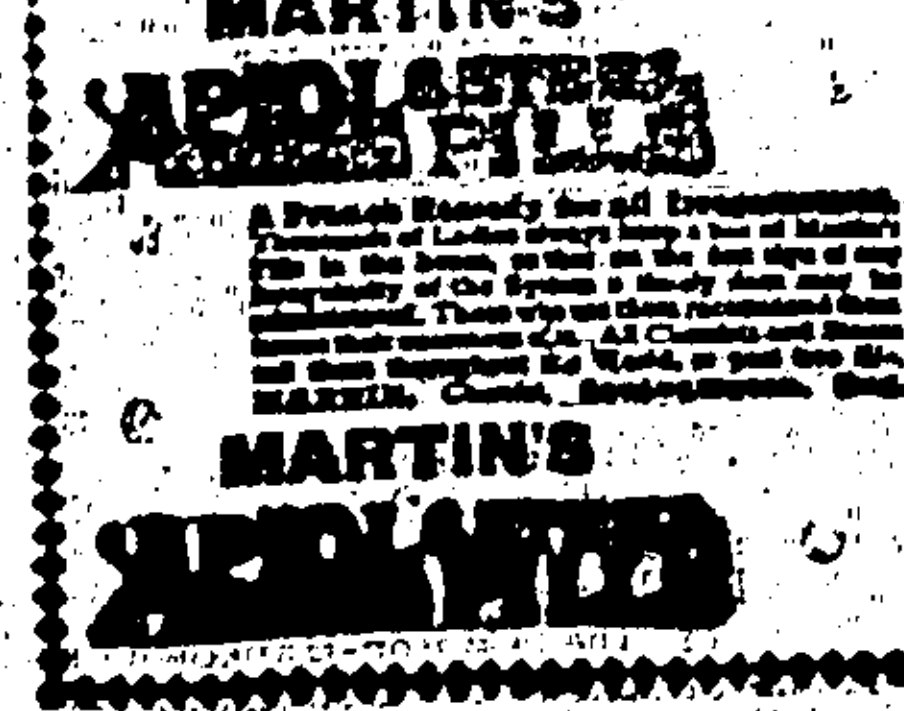
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THE PRINCE'S TOAST.
EMPIRE AND COMMON SENSE.
CONFIDENCE IN TRADE RECOVERY.

The Prince of Wales was the guest of the London Chamber of Commerce at its annual dinner, on July 28th, at the Connaught Rooms. He spoke on the period of transition in the country's trade and the British qualities which will ensure our recovery. Mr. Stanley Machin, President of the Chamber, occupied the chair.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of "Our Royal Guest," said that in the Heir to the Throne they had the first Master of Commerce, who, by his presence there that night, showed his earnest desire to help forward at this most difficult time the commerce and industry of the Empire. It had been truly said that in the time of our greatest difficulty the moment had always produced the man. They had in their Royal guest that man, the greatest asset the Empire possessed—valour, soldier, sportsman, statesman, and friend. (Cheers.)

All responsible men realized that the present situation called for greater labour and greater effort from every member of the community. In this respect no one set a finer example than the Prince of Wales. Few, if any, careers could be more laborious than his, nor would it be possible to name any servant of the Empire to whom so heavy a debt for work done was due than that they owed to their guest of the evening. He had proved himself the most successful ambassador the country had ever had. He had done more to bind together the English-speaking peoples than any other man past or present.

The toast was received with cheers and the singing of "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

THE PRINCE'S SPEECH.

The Prince of Wales, in responding, said:-

I want to thank you first very heartily for the kind way you have received this toast, and, I think, if I may say so, your chairman has been very much too kind to me this evening. I should like to say I do value very much the invitation to attend this dinner of the London Chamber of Commerce, and I look upon it as a very great privilege to address so distinguished an assembly. We all of us know that Great Britain depends far more than any other country on its foreign trade. This organization, which represents the business life of the capital of the Empire, stands for the most complex network of trade interests in the world. Here in London more than anywhere else are centred the innumerable links of British commercial enterprise, and the London Chamber of Commerce has reason to be proud of its unique position and its multifarious activities.

The importance of the work that Chambers of Commerce throughout the Empire do in watching over and giving common expression to the interests of the business world I need not emphasize. But there has certainly never been a time like the present when their efforts could be of greater value. (Cheers.) The transition from war to peace, and the time conditions have been, as we all know, a very trying time indeed. I venture to think that when people complain now of days and criticism, a very good answer very often is: "We have had a great war." (Cheers.)

Something spasmodic must be expected, I suppose, in the recovery of trade after a great war, like the recovery of a body after some serious illness. I note that for the moment there is a very serious business depression hanging over us, and I sincerely hope that the experts are already seeing daylight. (Cheers.) At any rate there is one thing I feel, and that is that our duty at the present moment is that of cheerfulness. (Cheers.) In spite of everything the men from the Old Country, and those who came over from the Dominions, kept cheery during the war, and I am quite sure that went a long way to help us in winning through. And I feel exactly the same at the present moment. I think it is in some ways harder to keep cheery now than it was during the war. (Laughter.) Then we have also that great unity of Empire that is going to help us. (Cheers.)

I am quite sure that in the long run the opportunities for British trade are bound to extend and multiply; our powers of production in every sense, in plant, in reorganization, invention, alertness, and efficiency are enormous. I quite understand the difficulties created by the rise and fall of prices, by the fluctuations of the foreign exchanges, by the poverty of some of our customers abroad, by the temporary lack of stability in governing conditions, but I am quite certain that British enterprise and British goodwill, while recognizing a common interest, will overcome. (Cheers.) We need not ask any questions about British enterprise, and I think another thing we can be certain of is that we are a people of common sense. (Cheers.) Common sense implies a frank and straight recognition of facts, a spirit of give and take, and making the best of things. (Cheers.) Perhaps I should apologize for not having done better tonight, but if I were called upon for a toast I should give you "The British Empire and British Common Sense." (Loud cheers.)

ANGLO-FRENCH PASSPORTS.**ABOLITION OF VISAS.**

It was announced in the House of Commons on July 21st, that an arrangement for the reciprocal abolition of visas on passports held by British and French subjects had been arrived at between the two Governments. It will be some time yet, however, before the arrangements can come into force. France has land frontiers which touch the territories of six foreign States. This makes it somewhat more difficult for the French Government to make the necessary administrative arrangements in connection with the abolition of visas.

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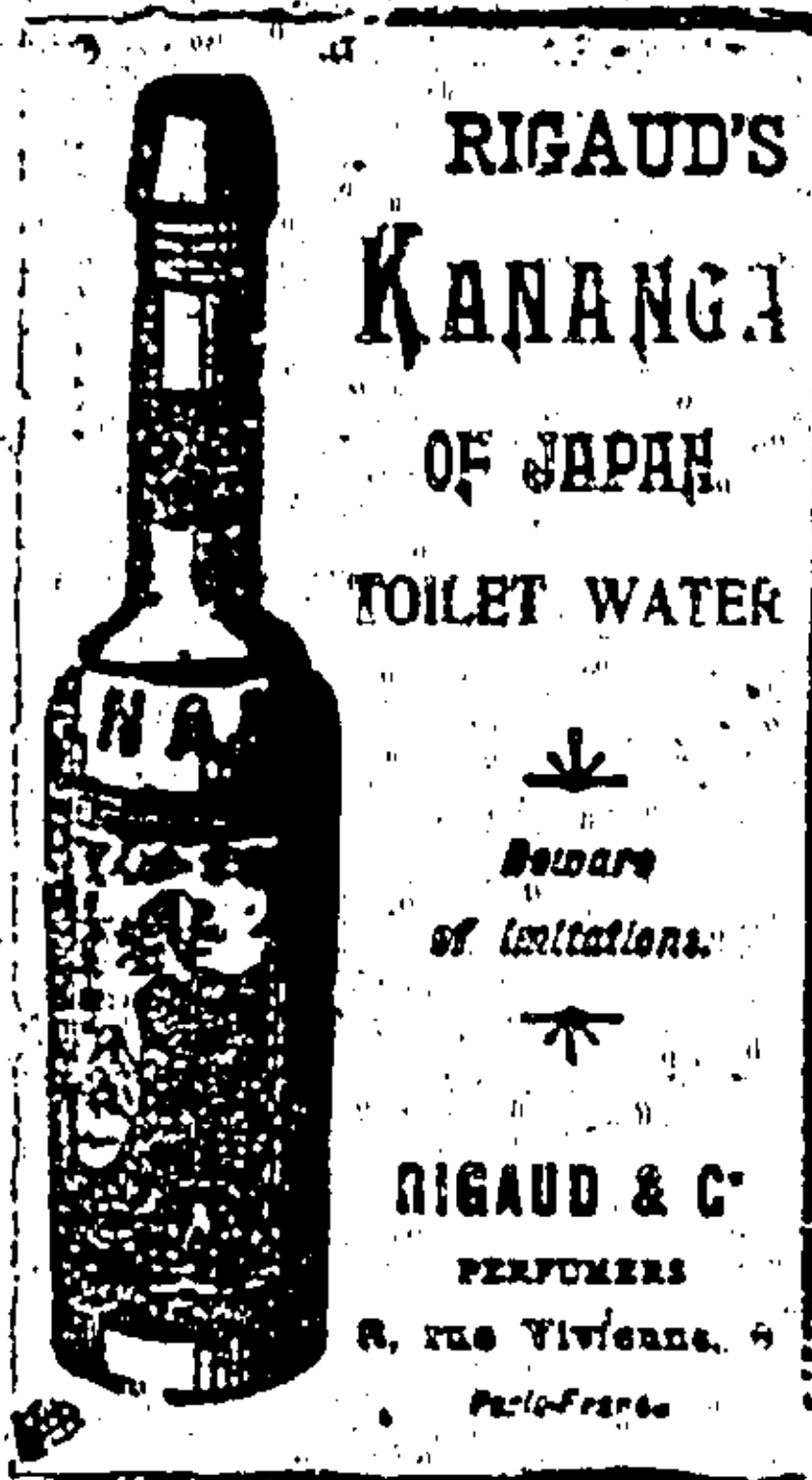
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REVIVAL OF INDUSTRY.
LONGER HOURS IN COTTON TRADE.

A further indication of the slow but steady revival of the Lancashire cotton industry is afforded by the decisions of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations on July 15th with regard to mill working hours.

For considerably over six months no cotton spinning mill controlled by the Federation has been working more than 24 hours weekly if engaged in the American (or medium and coarse counts) section. The resolution of the general committee of the Federation is that these hours of short-time working should continue for another fortnight so far as the American section is concerned, but the hours of working are increased to 35 per week instead of 24 as previously in practice. This means that the mills will run for the recognized full daily hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week. A ballot is to be taken to decide whether the members of the Federation favour working on this new basis or alternatively, a return to the 44-hour week.

In the Egyptian section firms are allowed to go on full-time from Monday; but some firms in this section may prefer to continue the curtailed working of 35 hours a week for some time longer. In the weaving section the signs of improved activity are scarcely so pronounced at present, but no doubt it is entertained that the movement will shortly be perceptible there also.

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S.S. "PEMBROKESHIRE"	27th Oct.	30th Oct.
S.S. "GLENIFFER"	27th Oct.	25th Oct.

HOMWARDS.

Vessel	Leaves Hongkong	Discharges
M.V. "GLENTERA"	25th Sept.	GENOA, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & HULL
M.V. "GLENAPP"	27th Oct.	GENOA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG

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* "KNIGHT TEMPLAR" ...	via Suez Canal ...	19th Sept.
* "EURYMECHUS" ...	via Suez Canal ...	13th Oct.
* "CITY OF ADELAIDE" ...	via Suez Canal ...	1st Nov.
* "PYDEUS" ...	via Suez Canal ...	13th Nov.

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"KHYBER"	9,000	19th Sept. Noon.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DUNERA"	8,400	14th Oct.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
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"KARMA"	8,900	26th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMA"	9,000	11th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MYANZA"	7,000	26th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

BRITISH INDIA - APCAR SAILINGS (South)

"TANDA" 7,000, 18th Sept. 1 P.M. Calcutta via Spore, Pang & Rangoon

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"EASTERN"	4,000	23rd Sept.	Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	17th Oct.	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"JYPORE"	5,400	1st Sept.	Moji via Shanghai.
"GREGORY APCAR"	5,000	23rd Sept.	Japan via Shanghai.
"DUNERA"	5,400	2nd Oct.	Shanghai only.

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"SEATTLE MARU" ... Friday, 21st Oct.

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"HONOLULU MARU" ... Friday, 14th Oct.

NEW ORLEANS LINE via SUEZ ... Tuesday, 20th Sept.

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JAPAN PORTS—Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama ... Monday, 3rd Oct.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

From	Steamer	To	Sail
HONGKONG, KAIHAI & HONGKONG	"SUNNING"	On 17th Sept.	9 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 18th Sept.	10 A.M.
SWATOW and HANGKOK	"SUNNING"	On 20th Sept.	10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 20th Sept.	Noon.
NEWCHOWANG & TIENSIN	"SUNNING"	On 20th Sept.	Noon.
SWATOW and SINGAPORE	"SUNNING"	On 21st Sept.	10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 22nd Sept.	Noon.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUNNING"	On 24th Sept.	4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENSIN	"SUNNING"	On 24th Sept.	4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 27th Sept.	Noon.
SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 29th Sept.	Noon.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUNNING"	On 1st Oct.	4 P.M.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DOE
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Kitano Maru	17th inst.
SHANGHAI	17th inst.	
JAPAN	Kanagawa Maru	17th inst.
SHANGHAI	Kyber	17th inst.
JAPAN	Anyo Maru	18th inst.
U.M.A. JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Hawkeye State	18th inst.
LONDON (Parcel 10th Aug.)	Demodocia	18th inst.
SHANGHAI	Sunning	18th inst.
EUROPE via Suez (Letters only)	Van Oloon	20th inst.
London 19th Aug.	Jyppore	20th inst.
STRAITS		

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhannakhodi, Egypt, and EUROPE via MARSEILLES	Kitano Maru	Saturday 17th. Registration 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhannakhodi, Egypt, and EUROPE via MARSEILLES	Lake Pauk	Saturday 17th. 11.00 A.M. 2.00 P.M.
Java via Surabaya	Mocassar Maru	Saturday 17th. 3.00 P.M.
Swatow and Hongkong	Yue Yiu Wa	Saturday 17th. 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A. Central and South America and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO	Suiyang	Saturday 17th. 5.00 P.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhannakhodi, Egypt, and EUROPE via MARSEILLES	Nanking	Registration 5.00 P.M. Letters 5.00 P.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhannakhodi, Egypt, and EUROPE via MARSEILLES	Tanda	Sunday 18th. 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Phoumponh	Sunday 18th. 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A. Central and South America and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO	Amakusa Maru	Sunday 18th. 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A. Central and South America and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO	Choyang	Sunday 18th. 10.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhannakhodi, Egypt, and EUROPE via MARSEILLES	Korea Maru	Monday 19th. Registration 9.15 A.M. Letters 10.00 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhannakhodi, Egypt, and EUROPE via MARSEILLES	Kyber	Monday 19th. Registration 8.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Hanyang	Monday 19th. 3.00 P.M.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Monday 19th. 3.30 P.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.	Empress of Japan	Tuesday 20th. Registration 9.15 A.M. Letters 10.0 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.	Alabama Maru	Tuesday 20th. 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.	Seichuen	Tuesday 20th. 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.	Chekiang	Tuesday 20th. 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.	Hai Hong	Tuesday 20th. 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.	Hawkeye State	Tuesday 20th. 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.	Lokang	Tuesday 20th. 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.	Kanchow	Tuesday 20th. 9.00 A.M.
Philippine Is., Australia and New Zealand, via Thursday Island	Tango Maru	Wednesday 21st. Registration 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Philippine Is., Australia and New Zealand, via Thursday Island	Changsha	Wednesday 21st. Registration 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, North China, Japan, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.	Kashima Maru	Thursday 22nd. Registration 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhannakhodi, Egypt, and EUROPE via MARSEILLES	Inaba Maru	Friday 30th. Registration 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.

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"TITAN"	25TH OCT.	London, Amsterdam & Antwerp.
"RHESUS"	8TH NOV.	London, Amsterdam & Antwerp.

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Bank Bills, on demand	2.81
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	—
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Credits, at 4 months sight	2.10½
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	—
ON HONGKONG.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	710
Credits, 4 months sight	770
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	50½
Credits, at 30 days sight	53½
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	—
Bank Bills, on demand	193½
ON HANKOW.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	—
Bank Bills, on demand	193½
ON SINGAPORE.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	—
Private, 30 days sight	—
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	105
ON MANILA.—On demand—Peace	108½
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	117½
ON HANKOW.—On demand	185
ON HAITI.—On demand	nom.
ON SAIGON.—On demand	—
ON BANGKOK.—On demand	78½
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$ 7.10
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